Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Original) A method of implementing a connection between a browser and one or more remote data servers comprising:

providing a control module for processing data retrieved from the remote servers;

providing one or more communications modules each configured to communicate with one of the remote servers and prevented from direct communication with the control module; and

providing an interface module operative to permit communication between the control module and the communications modules.

2.   (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the control module is downloaded from a first server and the one or more communications modules are downloaded from a different one or more servers.

3.   (Amendedl) A method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the control module and communications modules are ~~Java™~~ JAVA applets and the interface module is a ~~JavaScript™~~ JAVASCRIPT layer.

4.   (Original) A method according any one of the preceding claims, further comprising displaying the data in the browser.

5.   (Original) A method according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the data comprises real-time data streamed from the one or more servers to the browser.

6.   (Original) A browser configured to retrieve information from a plurality of remote servers including:

a control module originating from a first server;

one or more communications modules originating from one or more of the remote servers, wherein each of the communications modules is configured to communicate with the remote server from which it was downloaded and is prevented from direct communication with the control module; and

an interface module for facilitating communication between the control and communications modules.

7.   (Amended) A browser according to claim 6, wherein the control and communications modules are ~~Java™~~ JAVA applets and the interface module is a layer of ~~JavaScript™~~ JAVASCRIPT code.

8.   (Original) A method of communicating information between a browser and one or more servers, wherein communications between the browser and each of the one or more servers occur via respective communications applets running in the browser, the method comprising:

communicating the information between a control applet running in the browser and each of the communications applets, the control applet and the communications applets being configured to communicate via an interface layer.

9.   (Amended) A method according to claim 8 wherein the interface layer comprises a ~~JavaScript™~~ JAVASCRIPT layer.